

Fight on Dry Amendment Opened by Two States

TO-NIGHT'S WEATHER—Fair, colder.

TO-MORROW'S WEATHER—Fair, continued cold.



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SCANDAL OF WORLD'S SERIES IN BASEBALL WILL NO DOWN; HERE IS A WAY TO SETTLE IT

Unofficial Hearing Before Federal Judge Landis Is Suggested.

FANS DEMAND TRUTH.

Names Suggested of Witnesses Who Might Throw Light on Charges.

By Hugh S. Fullerton.

Charles A. Comiskey, owner of the Chicago White Sox and one of the greatest characters baseball ever has produced, a man of undoubted honesty and of the highest type of sportsmanship, has stated in Chicago that, after two months of work by detectives and others, he has been unable to find evidence that there was dishonesty among the players of his team during the recent World's Series.

Mr. Comiskey declares he has had detectives working to ascertain what is behind the charges. The fact is that he has had detectives working since the night of the second game of the series in Cincinnati, when one of the best known gamblers in the country went to him and told him the stories that were being circulated through the underworld of sport. The gambler made no accusations. He said Comiskey where the money was coming from that was being wagered and the tales that were told.

Ordinarily Mr. Comiskey's word would be sufficient. In fact, if Mr. Comiskey would say that there was no dishonesty it might end the entire scandal. It will be noted, however, that he says he has not been able to find evidence to support the accusations and that his offer of \$10,000 for legal proof that his players were not trying is still in effect.

The fans and the public generally will not stand for a verdict of "not proved." They demand to know the facts. Mr. Comiskey has tried as hard as any one to discover the facts. Both he and Manager Gleason have worked hard and have followed tales to their sources and have not been able to prove the charges—nor disprove them.

The fans demand one of two things: Either a verdict of guilty with a penalty of expulsion from baseball, or a verdict of not guilty, with whatever punishment may be inflicted upon those responsible for the stories concerning the series. Mr. Comiskey, unaided, probably cannot discover the truth.

It is not the seven players who are indicted by common gossip that are on trial. It is the good name of baseball and the honesty of the hundreds of players who are not mentioned.

Ever since the recent meetings in New York there has been what seems to be a concerted movement on the part of many of the owners and others concerned in baseball to put the silence on the story of the series. To drop the matter and follow the policy of "letting the public forget" is perhaps the worst possible thing that could happen to the sport in the United States. Such a course would serve to convince thousands of fans that there is something in the stories.

The players who are accused are entitled to an opportunity to defend themselves from the charges. One has assured me that he is eager for such an opportunity.

The fans are entitled to know whether baseball is on the square or not.

There is a way to find out. Comiskey has offered \$30,000 for proof that the players did not try to win. As a lover of the sport in which he has spent his life he ought to be willing to pay at least that much for proof that they did try and that they were honest. Organized baseball certainly ought to be willing to pay much more than that to prove the honesty of all the players engaged by them. It only for selfish purposes they should be willing to bear any expense that would satisfy the fans and put an end to the charges.

The way they can do this is easy. Judge Keneaw M. Landis of the United States Court is one of the best known and most respected men on the bench. Also, he is regarded

DANSEY ARRESTS MAY BE MISTAKE, PROSECUTOR SAYS

New Evidence Points to Possible Murder by Two Men in Abandoned House.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 17.—"We have discovered new evidence which points away from Charles White and Mrs. Edith Jones in the 'Billy' Dansey case," Prosecutor E. C. Gaskill announced this afternoon.

Release of White and his father's housekeeper is only a matter of a few days, the Prosecutor indicated. Friends of the accused took the Prosecutor's statement as verifying their contention that the arrest of White and Mrs. Jones was a "tragic mistake." The Prosecutor said he now had evidence indicating the "perfect baby" was killed by two men, whose names he refused to divulge. Those men, he added, are under surveillance and will be arrested.

Mrs. Hercules Dansey, mother of the child, has been questioned at length by detectives, the Prosecutor admitted. He asserted Mrs. Dansey testified at the inquest that she followed "Billy" to the White dahlia field and heard smothered cries coming from a weed patch.

"The cries were of my son," Gaskill said Mrs. Dansey testified.

Mrs. Dansey hunted several minutes for the boy but failed to find him. Gaskill said that his men now were working on the theory "Billy" was taken to an abandoned house by two men and killed there. He refused to reveal what evidence he had pointing to a motive for the crime.

The Prosecutor emphasized that he had acted only in a desire to perform his duty and was willing to admit mistakes if any were found to be made.

"I'm not working for the conviction of White or anybody else," he declared. "I simply want the murderer apprehended and the mystery cleared."

MEAT PROFIT 100 PER CENT.

Philadelphia Dealers Never 'Cut Prices,' Say Federal Agents.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Charging retail meat dealers in Philadelphia are not giving customers the benefit of market reductions, and are making as high as 100 per cent. gross profit, Department of Justice investigators to-day submitted their report to Francis Kane, United States attorney.

Meat retailers never vary their prices, it was alleged, although there has been a downward trend in wholesale prices since November.

THEATRE TICKETS \$11 EACH.

Prices Boosted in Chicago, But It Is for New Year's Eve.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Two leading Chicago theatres to-day announced an increase in the price of seats for the New Year's Eve performances from \$3.25 to \$11, including war tax. Two others will raise admissions for that night from \$1.50 to \$5.50.

Prospective absence of wine at restaurants and at the theatres was the reason assigned for the changed prices.

HEIRS TO MILLION IN NEED.

Widow and Daughters of M. P. Levy Appeal to Court.

The widow and five daughters of Marshall P. Levy, cotton broker, who died Aug. 25, leaving a \$1,000,000 estate, are in urgent need of money in disbursement in a partition suit filed in the Surrogate's Court to-day.

The petition sets forth that Mrs. Levy and her daughters need a personal allowance of \$1,200 each and \$10,000 to maintain the home at No. 45 West 44th Street. The Guaranty Trust Company, temporary administrator, is willing to pay over the money needed, but not without a court order.

"TIPS" ON DEATHS SENT UNDERTAKER FROM HOSPITAL

Kelly Solicited Business at Roosevelt Before Patients' Bodies Were Cold.

AIDED BY ATTACHES.

Official Recommended Man in Callies Case to Father of Slain Boy.

How Undertaker George H. Kelly, No. 337 Columbus Avenue, solicited business in Roosevelt Hospital before the bodies of patients were cold, was told to-day. Kelly is the undertaker who buried Mrs. Anna Callies and Joseph S. Combes on fraudulent papers in one case and without the knowledge of the relatives in either case. When the graves of these two persons were opened in Kensico Cemetery it was found that the undertaker had merely shoved the bodies into crudely made pine boxes and covered them up.

To-day's investigation by The Evening World shows that Kelly has been introduced in Roosevelt Hospital to relatives of persons who have just died, and that the relatives have been assured by attaches of the hospital that Kelly is a good undertaker whose prices are reasonable.

The police records show that Mrs. Robert A. Patterson, thirty-three years old, of No. 55 West 70th Street, died on the way to the hospital about 1 o'clock on the morning of Sept. 6. Before 1:30 o'clock that morning, Kelly, or a man who was introduced as Kelly, was at the hospital and had secured permission from the grief-stricken relatives to bury the body. The fact that the woman had died had been tipped off to the undertaker by an employee of the hospital.

UNDERTAKER RECOMMENDED BY DOCTOR AT HOSPITAL.

Another case shows even more activity on the part of the undertaker. William Clayton, eight years old, of No. 142 West 50th Street, was struck by an automobile, and died at the Roosevelt Hospital at 12:25 P. M. Sept. 6. The records show the boy was hit by an automobile owned by Supreme Court Justice Robert F. Wagner and driven by Walter Fisher, his chauffeur.

John Clayton, father of the dead boy, told The Evening World to-day of his experience.

"The first person I saw when I got into the hospital," he said, "was a doctor, who said to me: 'Your boy is dead. Do you want a lawyer who will treat you right?'"

"I told him I did not want a lawyer right away, but he persisted and in order to get rid of him I promised him that if I needed one I would let him know. He then gave me his name and the name of the lawyer he represented."

"Standing behind the doctor while he was talking to me was a thick, heavy-set man who kept looking me up and down in a way that made me feel uncomfortable. When the doctor and I went to the hospital morgue this man followed us. As I was looking at the body of my son, the morgue keeper drew me to one side and said: 'This heavy-set fellow is an undertaker. He has a case in here now and if you want him to take charge of

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TO LOCAL AND NATIONAL ADVERTISERS:

Advertisers who have their copy and orders in The World office by 3 P. M. of the day preceding publication will be given preference by both The Morning and Evening World in the acceptance of advertising during the present paper crisis. Positive reservations by 3 P. M. will go next in order, provided copy and order are received by 3 P. M. All other business will have to run the chance of being omitted.

This applies particularly to local advertising. Advertisers' desires must be known in time to shape to the paper limitations of that day.

WORLD RESTAURANT.

Special Dinner, 17, 1919. Special Dinner, 17, 1919. Special Dinner, 17, 1919.

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Wentz Now Agrees Baby Claimed by His Wife Is Their Kidnapped Child



Photographed To-Day by Evening World Photographer. Baby Declared Stolen Wentz Boy and Mother, Overjoyed at Return.

'OVERSHADOWING CRIME' A CAPTIVE IN SANITARIUM, SAYS LETTER TO SWANN

District Attorney Gives Out Statement Telling of "Political Goat" at Rivercrest.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EDWARD SWANN, when asked to-day if he had anything to say regarding the Extraordinary Grand Jury and its activities, GAVE OUT FOR PUBLICATION THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN TYPEWRITTEN FORM:

"I received a letter this morning from the Rivercrest Sanitarium, Astoria, L. I., announcing that they have the 'Overshadowing Crime' in captivity in one of their wards. An inmate of one of the wards insists she is the embodiment of the 'Overshadowing Crime.'"

"Dr. Dold, the superintendent of the Rivercrest Sanitarium, when interviewed, says this inmate can talk of nothing else except the 'Overshadowing Crime.'"

"She is absolutely obsessed with the idea that she is the 'Overshadowing Crime.' She wants to be put in evidence as an exhibit—a living reality. So the 'Overshadowing Crime' quest leads to Rivercrest."

"For the love of Mike take this kid. He is one too much for the family. Give him to Nelly Bly. He is seven months old and as healthy as they make 'em. Can't afford him on the price of milk. They are charging to-day. There are others I am trying to support."

RECOGNIZED HIM BY PINK MARK BACK OF EAR.

"The minute I set eyes on him last night in the hospital," Mrs. Wentz said, "I knew I had come to the end of the road and could drop my cross. I give you my word I have lived five times five years in five months. As I entered the room at the hospital I was telling them a peculiar thing about Arthur. When he cried, I said, there was always a pink mark back of one ear."

"Well, he happened to be crying when I saw him for the first time since our separation and, sure enough, there was the pink mark."

"But look at him! He hasn't cried since he got home. Could a baby be as happy and contented as that anywhere except at home?"

And the reporters agreed with the mental reservation that the boy at No. 409 East 82d street is either Arthur Philip Wentz, as claimed, or

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LANE TO RESIGN, BUT HAS NOT HAD ROW WITH WILSON

Cannot Afford to Continue in Public Life at a Personal Sacrifice.

SALARY IS TOO LOW.

Makes Announcement to Offset Unauthorized Story of Quarrel With President.

By David Laurence. (Special Correspondent of the Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (Copyright, 1919).—Franklin K. Lane, probably the best liked man in the Wilson Administration in both Republican and Democratic environs, is to leave the Cabinet because he can no longer continue in public life at a personal sacrifice.

Mr. Lane intended saying nothing publicly about the matter until he had an opportunity to consult the convenience of President Wilson, for he did not wish to make the transition in the Interior Department difficult for a successor, nor did he wish to hurry the President into naming a new Secretary of the Interior. But an unauthorized publication of a story to the effect that Mr. Lane had already resigned led him to issue a statement saying that while he had not even written his resignation, he did contemplate going out of the Cabinet.

All sorts of stories have arisen as to the reasons which prompted Mr. Lane to withdraw, reasons extending from an alleged difference with President Wilson on the League of Nations, to a supposed dissatisfaction with the handling of the coal situation. Both stories are incorrect.

LANE MADE SPEECH IN FAVOR OF THE LEAGUE.

The Secretary only last Saturday night made an earnest speech at a private gathering in Washington advocating the League of Nations. Furthermore, his plans to withdraw from the Cabinet, it now develops, were known to several friends, including newspaper correspondents, before the recent coal crisis occurred.

On the other hand, it is a fact that Franklin Lane and Woodrow Wilson have not always been in accord. The Secretary of the Interior always has had the confidence of his Chief, but it cannot be said that in the last two years the judgment or advice of the Secretary of the Interior have been as potent a factor with Mr. Wilson as earlier in the Administration. This, however, never led to any ill-feeling.

On the contrary, the President and Secretary Lane worked in the closest harmony when the industrial conference recently was in session and in the recent message of the President to Congress he gave public approval to the principal measures which the Interior Department has been championing.

At bottom, the controlling reason for Mr. Lane's intended resignation is a personal one. The end of his

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COURT LIFTS BRITISH BAN ON CERTAIN U. S. GOODS

King's Bench Rules Government Has Not Power to Prohibit Importation.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey of the King's Bench to-day to possess no power to prohibit the importation of certain goods, and that therefore its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the Government.

The case in which the decision was given concerned the importation of pyrogallol acid from the United States, the acid having been seized on its arrival.

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.

Arranged by (World) Building, 22-24 Park Row, N. Y. City. Telephone, BRADMAN 4000. Check room for baggage and baggage open for and night. Strong armor and travelers' checks for sale.

TAKE BELL-ANS AFTER MEALS AND SEE HOW A GOOD DIGESTION MAKES YOU FEEL.—Advt.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROHIBITION ATTACKED BY RHODE ISLAND, FOLLOWING JERSEY ACTION

Supreme Court Asked to Restrain Enforcement of Federal Amendment on Ground That It Violates State's Rights.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island, through its Attorney General, Herbert A. Rice, asked the Supreme Court to-day for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the National Prohibition Amendment and to enjoin Federal officials from enforcing it in that State.

Validity of portions of the Volstead Prohibition Enforcement Act affecting the constitutional amendment also is attacked in the printed motion filed with the court.

LIQUOR MAY BE SENT TO CUBA BY JAN. 16

Holders Preparing to Ship 39,000,000 Gallons There for Storage.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 17.—A way out apparently has been found for distillers caught with large stocks of liquor on hand by the Supreme Court's decision holding wartime Prohibition unconstitutional.

A plan was presented to distillers here to-day by representatives of steamship lines operating service out of Charleston, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Savannah and Wilmington to Cuba, South America and Europe. It contemplates immediate shipment of liquor stocks in Kentucky, estimated at 39,000,000 gallons in bonded warehouses, largely to Cuban ports for storage and subsequent resale in Cuba or shipment to other foreign countries.

IF YOU OWN A GOLD MINE YOU'RE IN TOUGH LUCK

Seekers of the Precious Metal Ask to Increase Price—Big Drop in Production.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Gold mine owners and operators are clamoring to be permitted to boost the price of gold which is fixed by law at \$20.67 an ounce. And the Geological Survey is preparing a statement.

The need for an increase is described as "imperative." Many gold mines have closed to escape bankruptcy, officials are told. Government figures are cited to show that production has taken a big drop. The situation is attributed to the increasing cost of labor and machinery.

The 1915 gold production, biggest in many years, was \$1,013,025,708. In 1916 the total output dropped to \$22,530,300, while in 1918 it was down to \$33,750,700.

43 KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF GERMAN AMMUNITION

Women Among Victims of Accident at Wilhelmshaven—More Than 100 Injured.

BERLIN, Tuesday, Dec. 16.—Forty-three workmen and women were killed and more than 100 injured in an explosion at the Marienhamm ammunition depot near Wilhelmshaven to-day.

The explosion occurred while shells were being unloaded.

JURY GETS DEMPSEY CASE.

Judge Ends Charge in Trial for

MINIBOLA, L. I., Dec. 17.—The case of John J. Dempsey, former Vice President of the New York Consolidated Railroad Company, on trial on a charge of manslaughter, went to the jury at 11:05 o'clock this morning.

Justice Kapper charged the jury when Court opened. His charge lasted forty minutes and he told the jurors they must find Dempsey either guilty of manslaughter in the second degree or not guilty.

Wilson Walks With Washington's Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A case, once carried by George Washington, has been lent to President Wilson to aid him in his walks about the White House. The case is the property of Edward C. Cressy of Baltimore, who personally brought it to the White House.

KILLED BY BROOKLYN BUS

Mrs. Mary McManis Dies From Injuries Received in Flatbush Ave.

Mrs. Mary McManis, No. 131 Garden Place, Brooklyn, was run down by a Hylan bus last night at Flatbush and Seventh Avenue, and suffered injuries from which she died this morning in the Kings County Hospital.

The bus was operated by William Zickowski, No. 213 Madison Street, Manhattan. He was not arrested. The police say Mrs. McManis was crossing the street in the middle of the block.